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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

If the postmaster at Naples, Cal., is wise he will nail his safe to the floor, so that hereafter thieves cannot carry it off into a canyon, there to examine its contents.

Just now while the policemen of Los Angeles are not especially busy it might be a good time for them to drive in a few of the swine who pollute the sidewalks with saliva, tobacco juice, pulmonary secretions and other subjects of exhortation.

The presence of the American Club in the San Pedro Harbor Jubilee parade will constitute one of the most interesting and attractive features of the celebration. It is gratifying news that the club has responded favorably to the invitation to participate.

Every man who bores a hole into the ground in the vicinity of Whittier is sure to strike something valuable. If it isn't oil, or water, or something else, it's gas. Just now there seems to be enough natural gas going to waste there to supply fuel for a good-sized city.—Los Angeles Times.

Free rural delivery has been successfully inaugurated from Santa Barbara to Montecito, and, as was to be expected, the residents of Montecito are delighted. It is to be hoped that this is but the beginning of a system that shall before many years prevail in many other sections of Southern California.

Youthful Tramp—Harry Nordhoff, a 12-year-old boy was arrested at Pasadena, charged with vagrancy. According to his story he ran away from his home at No. 1307 Winfield street, Los Angeles, two days after Christmas, and has since been roaming the country, earning his own living by collecting sacks, old iron and rags for junk dealers. The little fellow is remarkably bright. He was returned to his parents by the City Marshal.

Some people are most amusing when they are most serious. An illustration of this fact is a case of mistaken identity, in consequence of which a Southern California newspaper speaks of "Gen." Sherman as a man yet living, who will probably "have an opportunity to read his own obituary," and winds up by the hope that "many moons may wax and wane before the man who marched from Atlanta to the sea is called to make that longer and eternal march."

There is to be no end of pleasant surprises in store for schoolma'ams when they come to the National Educational Association meeting this summer. The Redlands Facts proposes to furnish lemon juice for them to use in removing their freckles, and the Long Beach Press will furnish them with free ocean water to remove the lemon juice. This will put them in perfect trim to return to Los Angeles and be—but there are no Hobsons here.—Los Angeles Times.

Referring to the gradual suppression of smallpox in Los Angeles the Oakland Tribune says: "No such things as plagues are possible under the modern system of sanitation if the proper steps are taken." The fact is, the disease would probably have been confined to a single family, if not to a single individual, had proper precautions been promptly taken by the doctor who was called in one of the early cases, and who was let off with a measly fine of \$10, when he should have been punished according to his deserts."

C. C. Bragdon, principal of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., seems by no means to have abandoned the hope of seeing a woman's college established in Pasadena. The New York Tribune of recent date publishes a long interview with him, in which he sets forth in a forceful manner the great advantages open in this field. There is no question as to the rare opening Pasadena affords for such an institution. It remains, however, to find the philanthropist who will furnish the capital necessary. The rest will be easy.

The Oakland Tribune says: "The bid which Los Angeles is making for the national convention of the Epworth League is another evidence of the wakefulness and energy in that part of the state. Oakland could certainly have made as good, if not a better offer, for owing to our proximity to the metropolis of the coast, the 40,000 visitors who are expected would sooner come here than to isolate themselves in the southern end of the state. We will have to bestir ourselves a little more than we are doing." If the editor of the Tribune

will come down to Los Angeles and take a walk on Spring street or Broadway some afternoon he will not find himself so isolated as he seems to think he would. Otherwise his comments may be accepted without amendment.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Wilbur of Los Angeles seems to have a way of making original discoveries in the codes and statutes and such things which the law-makers make, and sometimes this habit causes trouble. One of the worst discoveries was the one announced the other day that state, county and town officers must, before they have a right to their salaries, make affidavit that they have not violated certain provisions of the Political Code. This seems to have sprung onto some of the county officers with such startling suddenness as to have come near knocking them out of a month's salary. Mr. Wilbur should at least break these things to exalted rulers a little more gently; if not he will become less popular in official circles than he is with the common, every-day sort of folks who work for a living and pay taxes.

JOHN L. EXPLAINS.

Imitation of a Rolling Deck Easily Produced.

The eminent Bostonian, John Lawrence Sullivan, who is playing a heavy thinking part in a variegated drama at Hazard's Pavilion at Los Angeles, explained to the audience his method of producing the illusion of a ship rolling in a stormy sea, which was the feature of the Monday night performance.

In the play, Mr. Sullivan is a sea captain, and he stands upon the deck of his ship and permits the play to go on around him. On Monday night the deck was so unsteady that Actor Sullivan seemed to have much difficulty in keeping his balance, and he gave an excellent imitation of an old mariner having trouble with his sea legs.

The audience perhaps imagined that the effect was produced by oscillating machinery under the stage, but Mr. Sullivan corrected that misapprehension last night and explained that the illusion was achieved by the simple expedient known to seafaring men as "splicing the mainbrace."

"Der newspapers say I had a jag last night," remarked the actor in a Forrest voice. "Let er go at that. If I did have a jag the newspapers didn't pay for it. I ain't der only man that hits der booze. Gen. Grant useter take a fall outer der black bot, and he was all right. I'm all right, myself. Let der play go on."

And the play went on.

GRAIN DEAL.

San Jacinto Register: Charlie Kerr, a few weeks ago, before the dry spell was broken, bought the grain on 400 acres put in near Moreno by A. J. Bantz at a cost of \$400. Mr. Bantz was discouraged and said he would sell it for \$50. Charlie took the risk, which everybody considered great and he felt \$50 poorer. Two days later it rained and the value of the crop sprang to \$1500. If the rain continues it will bring \$2000. Charlie, however, has lots of grain in, and very kindly gave Bantz back the crop. Not business, maybe, but justice. It is not everybody who could give up a possible \$2000 to help out a man who had lost his crop. In the beginning Charlie it was who apparently was foolish in the investment, but he came out winner. Bantz can feel lucky that he had a benevolent man to deal with.

LAND WAS NOT THERE.

Charles Steele of Los Angeles County Victim of a Swindle. St. Louis—Charles Steele, with his wife and three children from Los Angeles county, Cal., where he owned a farm of 230 acres, is in the city, penniless. One month ago he traded his fertile farm in California for a thousand acres of land in Tennessee, which had no existence and paid \$1000 besides. After paying the \$1000, he barely had enough left to get the transportation to Tennessee for himself and family. When they got to Helenwood, the county seat of Scott county, he found there was no such land as his deed called for.

Lawyers advised him to return to California and sue to recover his farm and money. He had enough money to get to Cincinnati. There the family were given transportation to St. Louis. Steele is trying to get transportation to California.

VACCINATED HER TOE.

A story is going the rounds in Los Angeles about a woman who accidentally vaccinated her toe. She is the wife of a prominent citizen, of course. All such things happen to the families of prominent citizens. Her children have recently been vaccinated, and to relieve their suffering she applied vaseline to their arms. Afterward she rubbed some of the ointment on a sore toe and caused a highly successful vaccination, which took with such vigor that she has not been wearing a shoe for three weeks.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The Phoenix, (Ariz.) Star is altogether too suspicious. It says: "Phoenix milkmen are complaining about the wells going dry outside of the city limits. What on earth are these fellows doing around their neighbors' wells?"

Iowa and Oregon—The battleship Iowa, at present at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, undergoing repairs, has been ordered to proceed to San Francisco as soon as the Iowa appears. Repairs in progress on the Iowa will take three weeks or more to accomplish.

San Francisco—Private Andrew Miller of the Fourth Cavalry, made his escape from the guardhouse at the Presidio. Several shots were fired at him, but without effect. It is asserted that Miller's real name is Brown, and that he was a deserter from Co. D of the Fifteenth Infantry, stationed at Fort Bayard, N. M.

The city of Seattle has a good-sized advertisement running on the outside page of the London Times. Advertising space in the Times costs a great deal of money, but evidently Seattle thinks it pays. It might pay San Francisco, too, or it might not, says the Fresno Republican. At any rate the "ad" is a reminder that we have enterprising rivals north of us.

The City Trustees of Alameda have arranged for a public test of a voting machine at the election to be held in that city. It would be well if such tests were to be made generally throughout the state during the next two years. Perhaps if this were done, by the time the next legislature convenes that body would be prepared to take definite steps toward the adoption of a machine for actual use.

The President Coming—It is said that the President will leave Washington in July and go to the northern peninsula of Michigan to inspect the recent marvelous development of copper deposits; thence to Yellowstone Park, also stopping at the mining districts of Montana; thence on to the Pacific, down to San Francisco and home by the Southern route, through Southern California, Texas and New Orleans.

Oregon having by dint of hard and persistent effort secured the meeting of the National Editorial Association this year, the Oregonian suggests as a means of entertainment that the members be permitted to climb the many mountains to be found in that state. This would, no doubt, afford a novel experience for most of the editors and would have the additional advantage of not drawing heavily on the financial resources of their hosts.

The price of meat, we are informed by a city paper, is now likely to come down, on account of the plentifulness of feed as a result of the rains. The price of meat is prone to go up, but its coming down is not so well remembered. We heard it said once that the price of meat is periodically advanced on account of either a wet season, or a dry season, as the case may be, but that it never seems to recede on account of reverse conditions.

The outcome of the visitation of smallpox at Phoenix is a notable illustration of what prompt and thorough precautionary measures will do. Everybody was vaccinated, and a continuous patrol and examination of houses in infected localities was maintained. As a result there were but eight cases in the past five months, and the disease now seems to be entirely stamped out, there having been no new cases during the month of March.

In case any of the Mail's readers should be asked why the law is so lightly regarded in California and murders are so frequent, says the Stockton Mail, they may cite the case of Daniel O' Shea, who, not long ago, murdered his sweetheart, Julia Kealy, without provocation and in the most cold-blooded manner, had not a shadow of defense and pleaded guilty, but having a pull, was sentenced to only twenty-one years in prison, instead of to death, and who, having a pull, as we have said, will probably be released in half that time.

CRUISER CALIFORNIA.

Golden State Has an Armored Vessel Named After Her.

Washington—The President has named the twelve new warships recently provided by Congress, as fol-

lows: Battleships Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia; armored cruisers, West Virginia, Nebraska and California; cruisers Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston, Tacoma and Cleveland.

Petitions by the hundreds have been flowing into the White House and Navy Department since the new ships were provided for, urging the merits of various names. The President and Secretary Long enjoyed the good-natured rivalry, and in making the final determination, consideration was given not only to the urgency of the influence brought to bear, but also to the several sections of the country. Pennsylvania petitioned through Governor Stone, Senators Quay and Penrose, and the entire delegation in the House of Representatives.

Georgia did not petition the Navy Department, and it is believed that the choice of a Southern State was due to a desire of the President to compliment those with whom he visited on his recent southern trip, Senator Elkins and the entire Congressional delegation were most active for West Virginia; Representative Mercer also made it his business to besiege the Navy Department with petitions from Nebraska.

The choice of California also seems to be a personal compliment without the same effort shown in other states. The same rivalry was shown among the cities, mayors, city councils, chambers of commerce, etc., joining in the pleas. The battleships Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia are described in the act authorizing them, as follows: Three sea-going coast-line battleships, carrying the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class upon a trial displacement of about 13,500 tons, to be sheathed and coppered, and to have the highest practical speed and greatest radius of action, and to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not exceeding \$3,600,000 each.

LOOK OUT FOR COUNTERFEITS.

There are now outside of the penitentiary a gang of counterfeiters who are very skillful in raising bills from one denomination to another, mainly \$2 bills to \$10, by pasting figures on to the genuine government notes. The figures are cut out of revenue stamps, so they also are genuine government workmanship. The figures used are generally cut out of beer stamps and answer the purpose very well.

DEWEY'S HEALTH GOOD.

The Surgeon of the Boston Reports About the Admiral.

Washington—Admiral Van Ryeppen, surgeon-general of the navy, said that all the recent reports received from Manila showed that Admiral Dewey was in excellent health. The surgeon of the Boston has recently arrived from the Manila station, and the surgeon-general specially inquired of him as to Admiral Dewey's health. The response was most satisfactory, showing that from a standpoint of a naval surgeon, closely identified with the admiral, he was in as good health as could be expected in such a climate.

Admiral Van Ryeppen is just back from California, where he inspected the hospitals at Mare Island, and determined upon extensive changes. The buildings will be added to and renovated.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

DISASTER TO UNIONISTS.

Irish Elections Show Nationalists Get Majority of Seats.

Dublin—The returns from the Irish county elections have not all been received here, but enough is known at a late hour to show that the Unionists have suffered a disaster, a majority of the seats going to the Nationalists.

Among the Unionist candidates defeated are Baron Castledown, Baron Langford, Earl Mayor, Earl of Rosse, and the Marquis of Ormonde. Unionism has been annihilated in Munster and Connaught, almost exterminated in Leinster and badly wounded in Ulster.

In the provinces, especially where politics are largely influenced by the elections, show that the country has gone wholesale for home rule. The labor question also entered largely into the contests, labor candidates in many instances defeating Nationalists.

FINS RISING UP.

New York—The Finnish-American Central Committee, recently appointed by the Finlanders resident in the United States to organize opposition in the Western Hemisphere to the Czar's recent ukase for the Russification of Finland, issued an address to all Finlanders in the United States and Canada, calling upon them "to rise up as one man, strong in the knowledge of the righteous cause, and uphold their sacred rights before the world."

MINES AND MINING.

MINERS WELL PLEASED.

California Now Has no Mining Laws Owing to a Pocket Veto.

California miners are now operating under the federal laws, and are happy in consequence; there is now no state law governing them, and they are freed from the \$50 worth of work in sixty days heretofore required.

This is due to the governor's approval of the act repealing the mining law of 1897, and pocket-vetoing Assemblyman Mack's new mining law, which was to take the place of the 1897 law. Thus there is now only the United States statute in force, which is far more lenient than the California law.

The act of 1897 required miners to file their locations at once with the County Recorder of the county in which their mines were found, and required \$50 worth of work within sixty days. The federal law, which will now govern for at least two years, provides merely that the miner, upon discovering his claim, shall reveal a lead, lode or vein, post a notice, make a copy of this notice, and file it with the District Recorder, paying therefor \$1. Miners will undoubtedly go ahead and organize districts again, and each district will have a Recorder.

COURT DECISIONS.

The following are some of the recent court decisions touching mining matters:

The statute requiring a locator to sink a discovery shaft on the lode, to show a well defined crevice, does not require the walls of the veins to be exposed.

A petition by a mine owner under division 5, Comp. St., 1887, for a right to construct a ditch over another's claim, must allege that plaintiff attempted to come to an agreement as required by section 1497, and failed.

Evidence that a miner worked for the owner of a mining lease as a common miner, without exercising any authority and ownership, and without being consulted as to any operations; that these operations were carried on at a loss, which the owner never requested the miner to share, is sufficient to establish a mining partnership between the lease owner and the miner.

MINERAL YIELD.

Official Figures Show the Canadian Output is Increasing.

Montreal—Recently published official figures show that in 1898 the Canadian gold output was \$13,700,000 placing Canada in fifth place as a gold producing country. Of the total products, \$10,000,000 was taken out of the Klondike.

Estimates place the output from the Klondike this year at \$20,000,000, and British Columbia is also expected to do much better than in previous years, so that Canadians hope that Canada will soon be near the top. The yield of silver is also growing larger from year to year; in 1897 it was \$3,323,395, supplied chiefly by the British Columbia silver mines. The copper output is now past the \$1,000,000 mark.

BUYS A MOUNTAIN.

Uncle Collis Forks Over Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars.

New York—The Sun's Durango, Mex., special says the great Sierra de Mercado, a mountain of iron adjoining this city, has been purchased by C. P. Huntington. The purchase price is said to be \$500,000 in gold.

The Sierra de Mercado is a mass of magnetic iron ore, 2500x55,000 feet, and 2000 feet high, assaying from 25 to 75 per cent of pure iron. Huntington intends to establish large steel works here. The Mexican International road, owned by Huntington and associates, is built to the foot of the mountain.

Ventura Free Press: Articles of incorporation of the Harford Mica Mining Company have been filed with County Clerk Kenagy. The object is to mine mica and other precious metals in Ventura county, and the principal place of business is given as Hanford, Kings county. Seven directors or trustees, all residents of Hanford, are named. The amount of capital stock is \$30,000, divided into 4,000 shares of \$20 each, of which amount \$60,000 has been actually subscribed.

Socorro, New Mexico, Chieftain: The recent strike in the Graphic mines is now demonstrated to be permanent and of undoubted richness. The vein is constantly increasing in width, and is now shown to exceed thirty feet. The ore is lead carbonate, and can be easily worked. The Graphic smelter will blow in its stack in May, and a large supply of lumber has been ordered to increase capacity of the plant by the erection of additional ore bins and better facilities for handling the ores.